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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, IN, PK, US
SUBJECT: INDIAN PURCHASE OF STRIKE AIRCRAFT

1. DURING CALL FEB. 26 BY DCM ON ADDITIONAL FOREIGN
SECRETARY FAROOQ TO BRIEF HIM ON INDIAN OCEAN DISCUSSIONS,
FAROOQ NOTED THAT INDIAN TEAM IS NOW IN EUROPE TO DISCUSS
PURCHASE OF STRIKE AIRCRAFT. FAROOQ ASKED WHAT US
REACTION WOULD BE TO INDIAN PURCHASE IN VIEW OF OUR
TURN-DOWN OF GOP'S REQUEST FOR SALE OF A-7S.

2. DCM RESPONDED THAT US VIEWS WERE WELL KNOWN ON
INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH COULD STIMULATE
A NEW ARMS RACE IN SOUTH ASIA. DCM DECLINED TO SPECULATE
ON FURTHER US REACTION BUT ASKED FAROOQ WHAT GOP REACTION
WOULD BE. FAROOQ REPLIED THAT GOP WOULD NATURALLY
HAVE TO QUESTION INDIAN MOTIVES IN ACQUIRING STRIKE
AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD BE DEPLOYED ONLY AGAINST
PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER INDIA'S
PROTESTATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND DESIRE FOR NORMALI-
ZATION IN THIS LIGHT. ALTHOUGH FAROOQ DID NOT AT
THIS TIME INDICATE THAT PAKISTAN WOULD LOOK TO THE
US TO REDRESS THE BALANCE, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE WILL
HEAR A GOOD DEAL MORE ON THIS SUBJECT FROM THE GOP
IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. HUMMEL
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